



Social media for projects

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Communication training for projects - Interreg Danube Transnational Programme



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Overview



1 - WHY social media?

2 - HOW to be present on social media?

3 – Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube With an example from the DIGITRANS project.



4 - Other useful online tools







Engagement:

- Social media are part of our private & work lives,
- They are interactive and make it possible to directly engage your audience

Costs/benefits for visibility:

- They can represent a cheap way to reach your audience,
- They can increase the trafic on your website.

Making new contacts/learning:

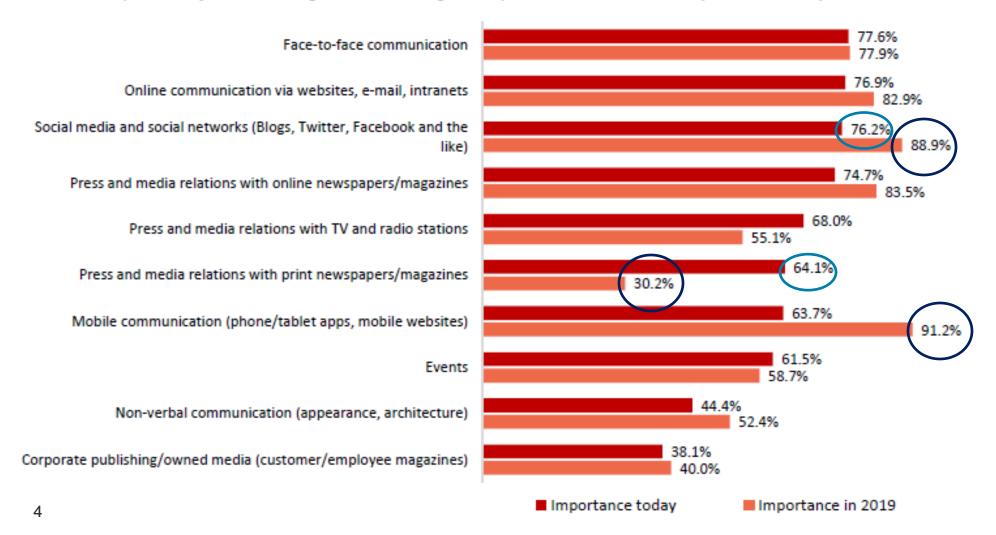
- They help you linking with your stakeholders,
- You can learn about news in your field / increase your knowledge in real time.





Importance of communication channels/instruments today and in the future

Perceived importance for addressing stakeholders, gatekeepers and audiences today and in three years







2 - HOW to go for social media

What are your communication objectives?

Who is your target?

What are your resources (number of persons and time)?

Decision:

- Choose the social media used by your target group and in line with your objectives
- Don't worry about criticism, worry about human resources!
- When you are on social media, non engagement can look worse than absence





2 - HOW to go for social media

Ready? Then plan your SM activities:

- What are your social media objectives?
- Who is working on the social media for your project?
- What content can you create and share on the social media?
- How do you adress your audience? What is the general tone and approach?

Monitor and talk about it! E.g. Interreg Alpine Space social media stats





3- Main social media used by the projects







facebook.





Pros:

- largest community on the internet;
- possibility to have several page administrators;
- management of milestones on the timeline;
- easy integration of links, pictures and videos.

Cons:

- mostly used for private communication;
- it takes a long time to build a community of subscribers;
- more time consuming than Twitter.

Tips:

- subscribe to many accounts dealing with your project's issues or geographical area;
- be active on the pages you subscribed to by liking, sharing and commenting posts;
- mention people and pages and pages in your posts;
- try to be active on a weekly basis;
- always illustrate your post with media content;
- use Facebook manager to schedule and manage posts.





Effective communication on Facebook

Story of Technology Innovation Centre Medjimurje



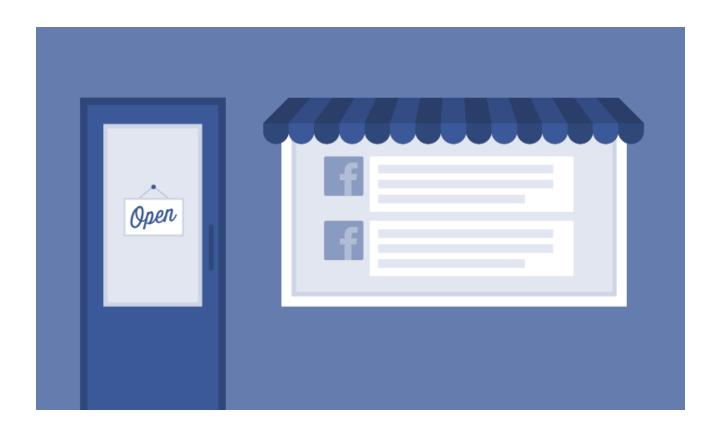
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Setting up a FB page is a good start

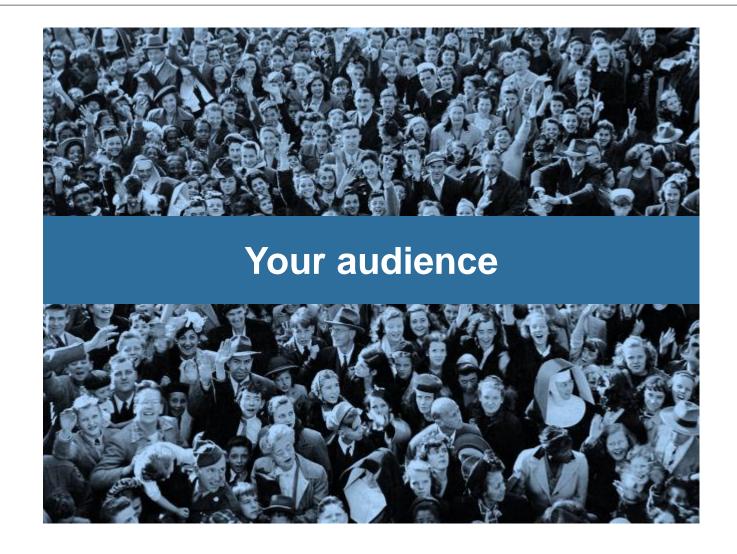




What do you need to know before setting up the page on Facebook?











Our audience @TICMedjimurje

Entreprenuers,
Startups,
Students,
Public institutions





Why would they visit our FB page?

Incubation @TICMedjimurje,
Workshops, seminars, conferences in our Centre,
Funding opportunities through national and European funds,
Project development support





If they find useful what you post on FB page, they will follow you



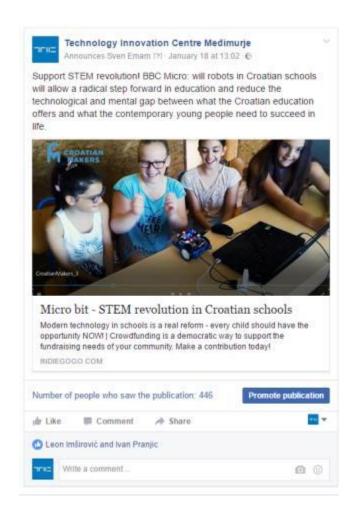


Likes are great but not always too relevant Followers are more likely to return to your page





Make sure you post relevant content









Promote your partners and customers, celebrate their achievements

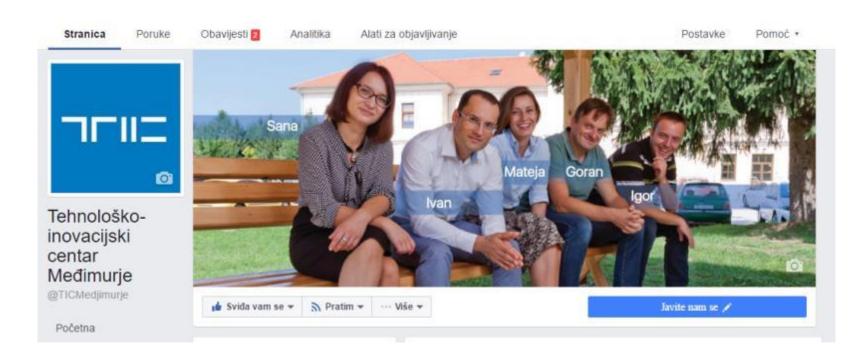








Less generic, more personal







Paid promotions = better reach

You are in control of your own budget, You target people you want to reach, Real-time analytics to help you plan your campaigns





Do not underestimate power of organic reach

People will follow and share if they really love your content

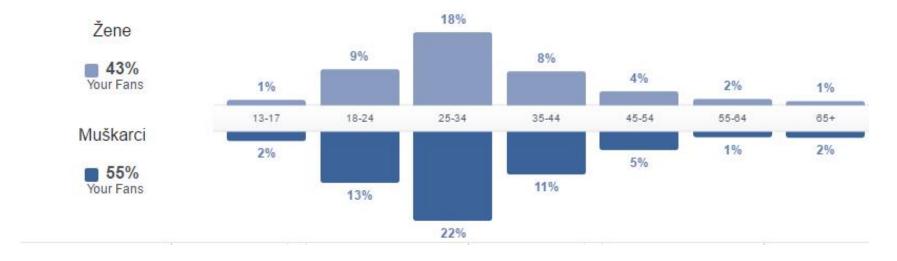






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The people who like your Page







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Država	Your Fans	grad	Your Fans	Jezik	Your Fans
Hrvatska	1990	Zagreb, Zagreb	585	hrvatski	1434
Bosna i Hercegovina	116	Cakovec, Međimurje C	534	Engleski (SAD)	491
Njemačka	39	Varazdin, Varaždin Co	142	Ensleski (VB)	186
Austrija	20	Prelog, Međimurje Co	44	Bosanski	63
Slovenija	18	Sveti Juraj na Bregu,	35	Serbian	28
Srbija	14	Mursko Sredisce, Međi	31	Njemački	21
Švicarska	7	Rijeka, Primorje-Gorsk	31	Slovenski	9
Sjedinjene Američke	5	Split, Split-Dalmatia C	27	Francuski	3
Ujedinjeno Kraljevstvo	5	Sveti Martin na Muri, M	24	Talijanska	3
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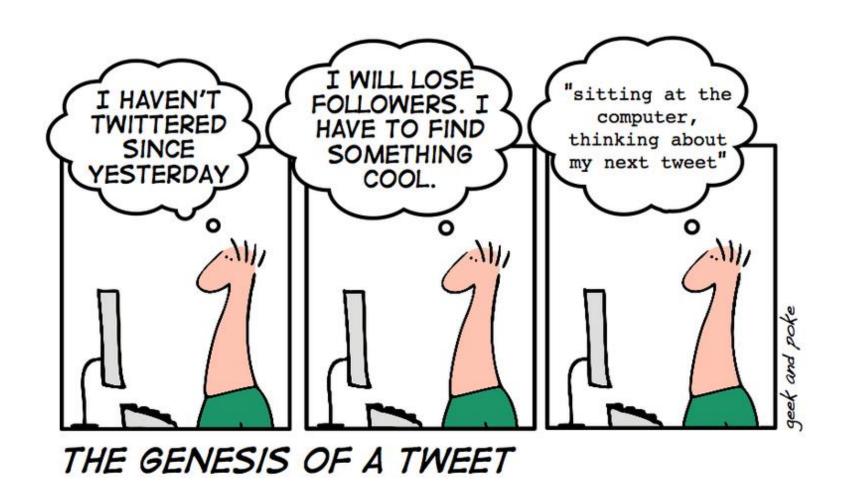


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Twitter







Twitter



Pros:

- most active community;
- used by many professionals, policy-makers and journalists;
- ideal to inform and get informed quickly;
- building a community of followers is relatively fast.

Cons:

- very limited writing space, you have to be very synthetic;
- no formatting options;
- you have to tweet regularly to be interesting for your followers.

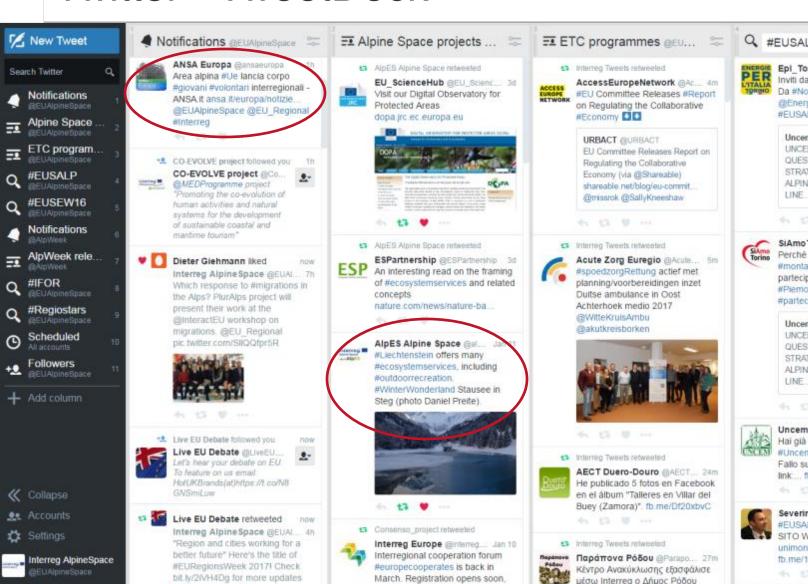
Tips:

- plan and tweet live;
- include media content (pictures / videos) in your tweets;
- subscribe to accounts dealing with your project's issues;
- subscribe to partner regions, policy-makers and local/regional press accounts;
- use hashtags such as #topic to appear easily in search results;
- mention other accounts (e.g. @Interreg_Danube), re-tweet and respond to others;
- use TweetDeck to monitor accounts, topics and manage several accounts.

Twitter - TweetDeck

TweetDeck





follow us to hear when.



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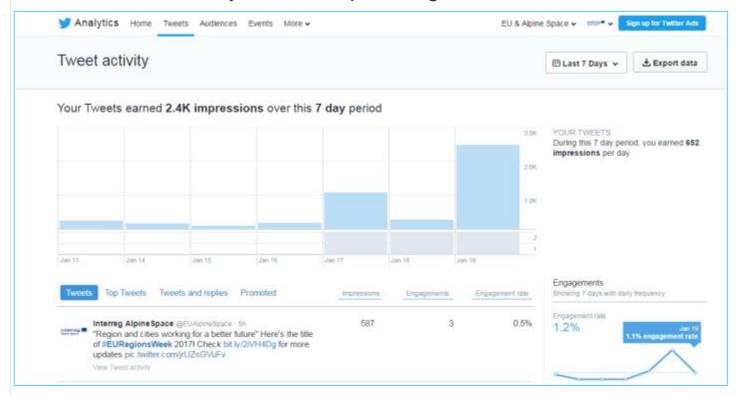




Reuse your tweets for your communication activities: e.g. event proceedings

- STORIFY: e.g. Interreg 25 years
- Conference proceedings published on ISSUU

Monitor the activity for better planning



Twitter analytics: https://analytics.twit ter.com



LinkedIn







LinkedIn



Pros

- Great tool to create networks (Groups);
- Great recruitment tool;
- Good tool to emulate discussions by being active in your groups;
- No "trolls", no junk email (trusted relations), used only by professionals.

Cons

- not the most innovative and intuitive social media:
- most people use Facebook and Twitter on a daily basis and check their LinkedIn account once in a while;
- the visibility to the general public is quite limited, your communication remains in a circle of professionals who already know about you.

<u>Tips</u>

- join groups dealing with your project's topics and issues;
- be sure to make a complete profile.



YouTube







YouTube



Pros

- videos animate your project communications
- free (no limit) and high quality service;
- comments are possible.

Cons

Difficult to moderate

Tips

- Embed videos located on YouTube on your website;
- Create playlists;
- Share the same videos on your social media channels through the video tools of these channels (they will get more views than if you share the YouTube link).







- Free survey tool: <u>Survey Gizmo</u>
- Presentation tool: <u>Prezi</u>
- Publication tools: <u>ISSUU</u>, <u>SlideShare</u>
- Pictures publication tool: <u>Flickr</u>
- Story tool based on Twitter: <u>Storify</u>,
- Easy infographics making tool: <u>infogr.am</u>







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